

**Homework 3**

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Problems	1	2	3	4	Total
Max. Score	16	24	25	25	80
Your Score					

The total score for the 4 problems is 90, but your score will be truncated at 80.

**Problem 1** For each of the following recurrences, use the master theorem to give the tight asymptotic upper bound. You just need to give the final bound for each recurrence.

(a)  $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + O(n)$ .  $T(n) = O(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})$ .

(b)  $T(n) = 3T(n/3) + O(n^2)$ .  $T(n) = O(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})$ .

(c)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + O(n^2\sqrt{n})$ .  $T(n) = O(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})$ .

(d)  $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + O(n^3)$ .  $T(n) = O(\underline{\hspace{1cm}})$ .

**Problem 2** We consider the following problem of counting stronger inversions. Given an array  $A$  of  $n$  positive integers, a pair  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  of indices is called a strong inversion if  $i < j$  and  $A[i] > 2A[j]$ . The goal of the problem is to count the number of strong inversions for a given array  $A$ . Give a divide-and-conquer algorithm that runs in  $O(n \lg n)$  time to solve the problem.

**Problem 3** Given an array  $A$  of  $n$  **distinct** numbers, we say that some index  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is a local minimum of  $A$ , if  $A[i] < A[i-1]$  and  $A[i] < A[i+1]$  (we assume that  $A[0] = A[n+1] = \infty$ ). Suppose the array  $A$  is already stored in memory. Give an  $O(\lg n)$ -time algorithm to find a local minimum of  $A$ .

**Problem 4** Consider a  $2^n \times 2^n$  chessboard with one arbitrary chosen square removed. Prove that any such chessboard can be tiled without gaps by L-shaped pieces, each composed of 3 squares. Figure 1 shows how to tile a  $4 \times 4$  chessboard with the square on the left-top corner removed, using 5 L-shaped pieces. Use divide-and-conquer to solve the problem.

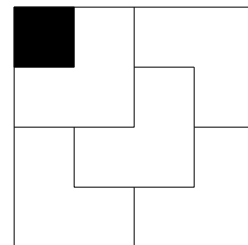


Figure 1: Using 5 tiles to cover a chessboard of size  $4 \times 4$ , with the left-corner missing.